

Washington Transportation Plan Development

A Regional Perspective on Needs & Priorities

Transportation Commission Briefing

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Challenges we share with Transportation Commission:

How do we set and support priorities?

How do we integrate land use into our process?

How do we better understand our problems?

Specific RTPO examples:

1. Incident Management Planning
2. Regional Rail Strategy

WTP Issue Areas:

- ✓ System Preservation
- ✓ System Efficiencies
- ✓ Safety
- ✓ Transportation Access
- ✓ Bottlenecks and Chokepoints
- ✓ Strong Economy, Good Jobs
- ✓ Moving Freight
- ✓ Building Future Visions
- ✓ Health and the Environment



*What are our
top priorities?*

It's a trick question because...

they're *all* top priorities!



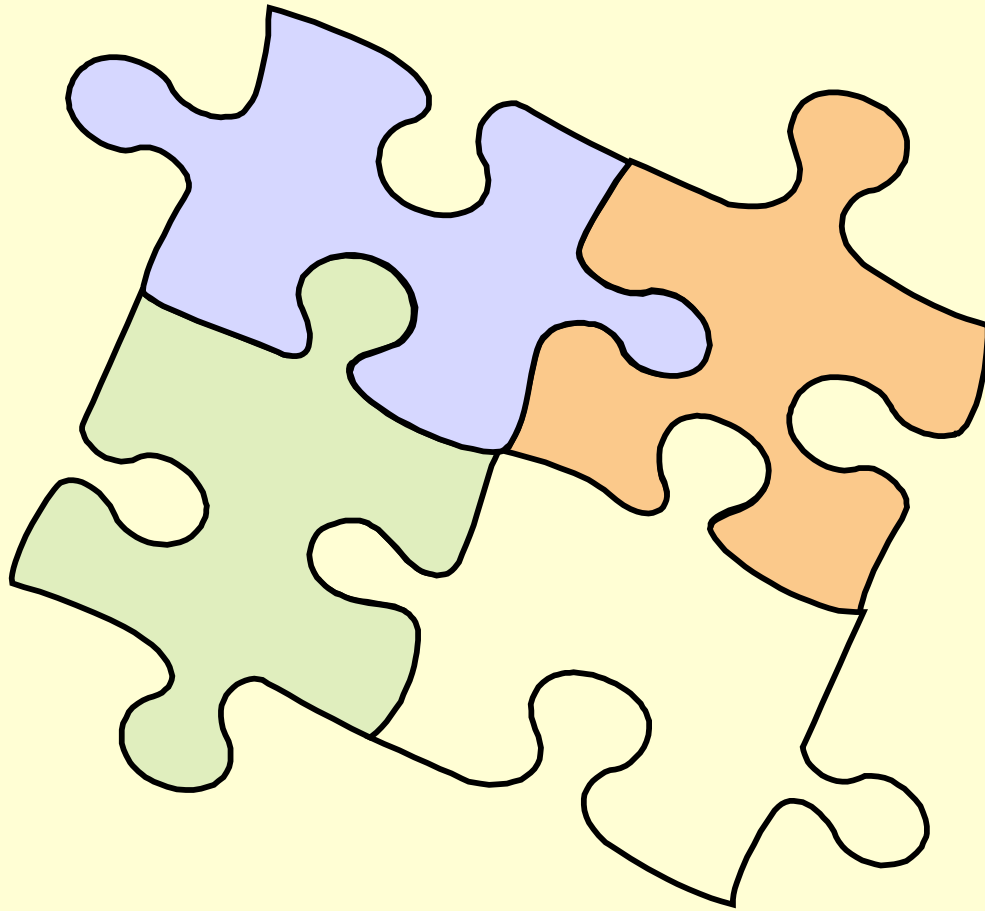
So who decides?

Some decisions best made at the state level.

Some decisions best made at the regional level.

Some decisions best made at the local level.

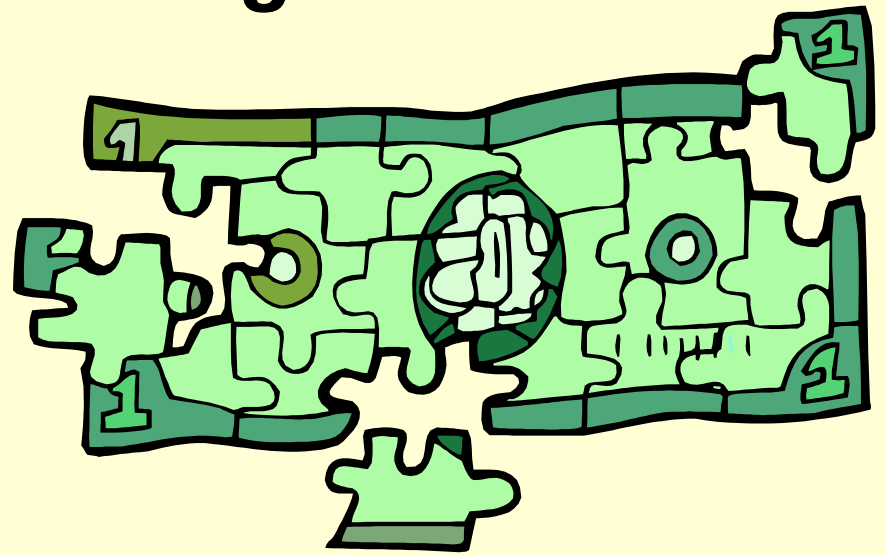
Just like the issue areas all work together, the WTP works with regional and local plans.



Together, we meet Washington's transportation needs.

Why does it matter?

Too much project detail in a long range plan can be as bad as ***not enough*** detail.



Programmatic support is important.

Many essential investment decisions are best made at the local level, not in the WTP or RTP.

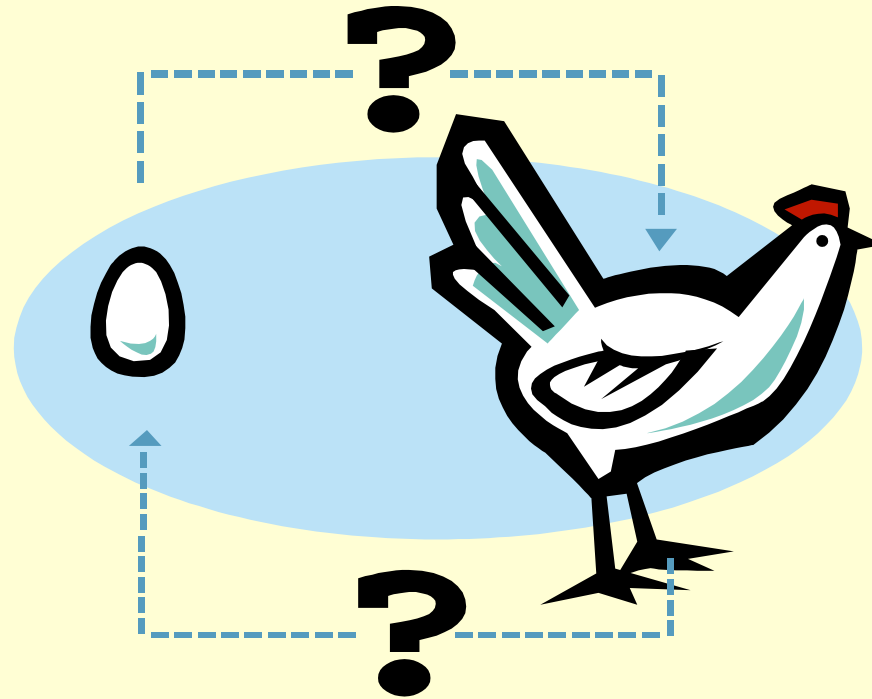
The “missing 10th” WTP issue area:

☒ Land use.

**Are we looking for
transportation solutions
to land use problems?**



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Land Use

**If we want transportation to work,
we have to talk about land use.**

What's the problem?

What does it mean?



If we don't understand the problem

– *the whole problem* –

we probably don't have the right solution.

We need new ways of looking at old problems.

Are we asking the right questions?

**Different stakeholders bring
different perspectives.**

Different perspectives are
needed to better understand
transportation problems.

Walk the talk...

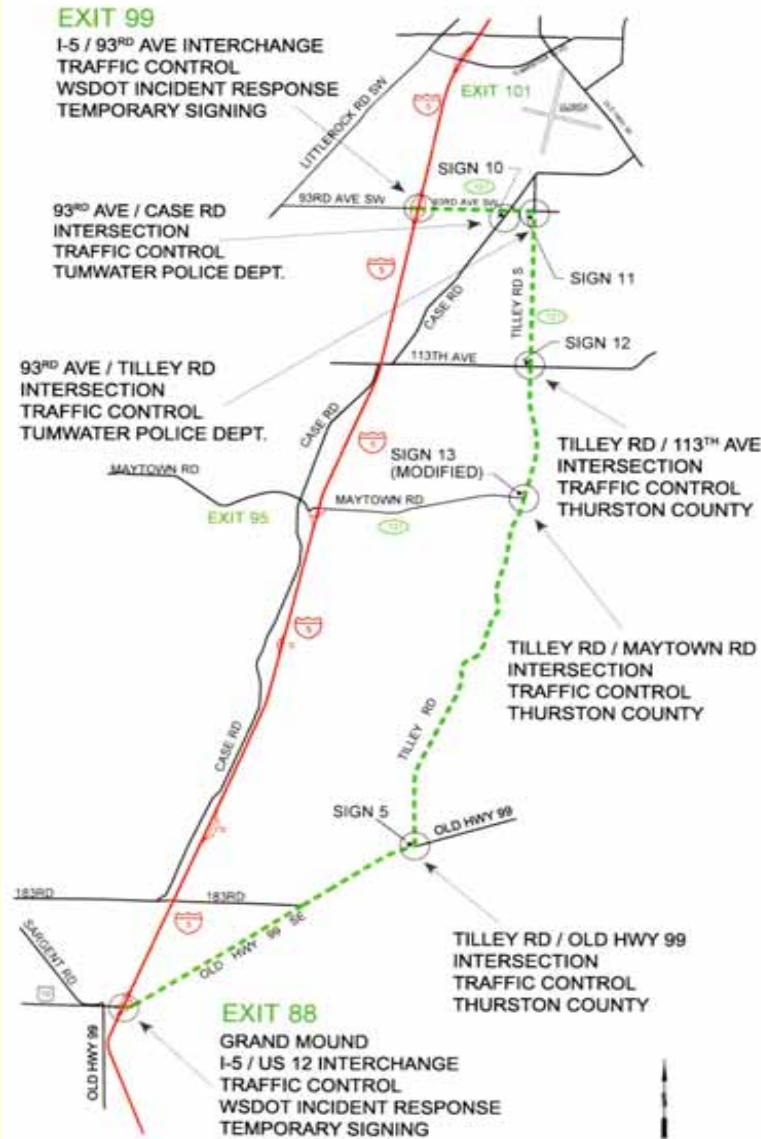
Thurston Regional Planning Council

**Strengthening the RTPO Role in
the Thurston Region**

1. Incident Management Planning
2. Regional Rail Strategy

Incident Management Planning

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Detour I-5, 99-88 – Southbound Combination

Detour Summary: Vehicles exit I-5 at Exit 99 (I-5/93rd Avenue) turn left and travel east 1.4 miles on 93rd Avenue. At the intersection of 93rd Avenue and Tilley Road turn right, the detour continues 8.8 miles south on Tilley Road. Motorists then turn right onto Old Highway 99 and travel west for 4.0 miles back to I-5.

Total Detour Miles: 14.2

Sign Numbers, Locations and Jurisdictions

- * EXIT 99 – I-5/93rd Avenue Interchange – WSDOT
- 10. 93rd Avenue/Case Road Intersection – Tumwater Police Department
- 11. 93rd Avenue/Tilley Road Intersection – Tumwater Police Department
- 12. Tilley Road/113th Avenue Intersection – Thurston County
- 13. Tilley Road/Maytown Road Intersection – Thurston County
- 5. Tilley Road/Old Highway 99 Intersection – Thurston County
- * EXIT 88 – I-5/US 12 Interchange – WSDOT
- * EXIT 95 – I-5/Maytown Interchange – WSDOT

Description of Signs:

- 10. South Straight Arrow
- 11. South Right Arrow
- 12. South Straight Arrow
- 13. South Straight Arrow (modified)
- 5. South Right Arrow

Detour Points of Contact:

WSDOT Olympic Radio [REDACTED]

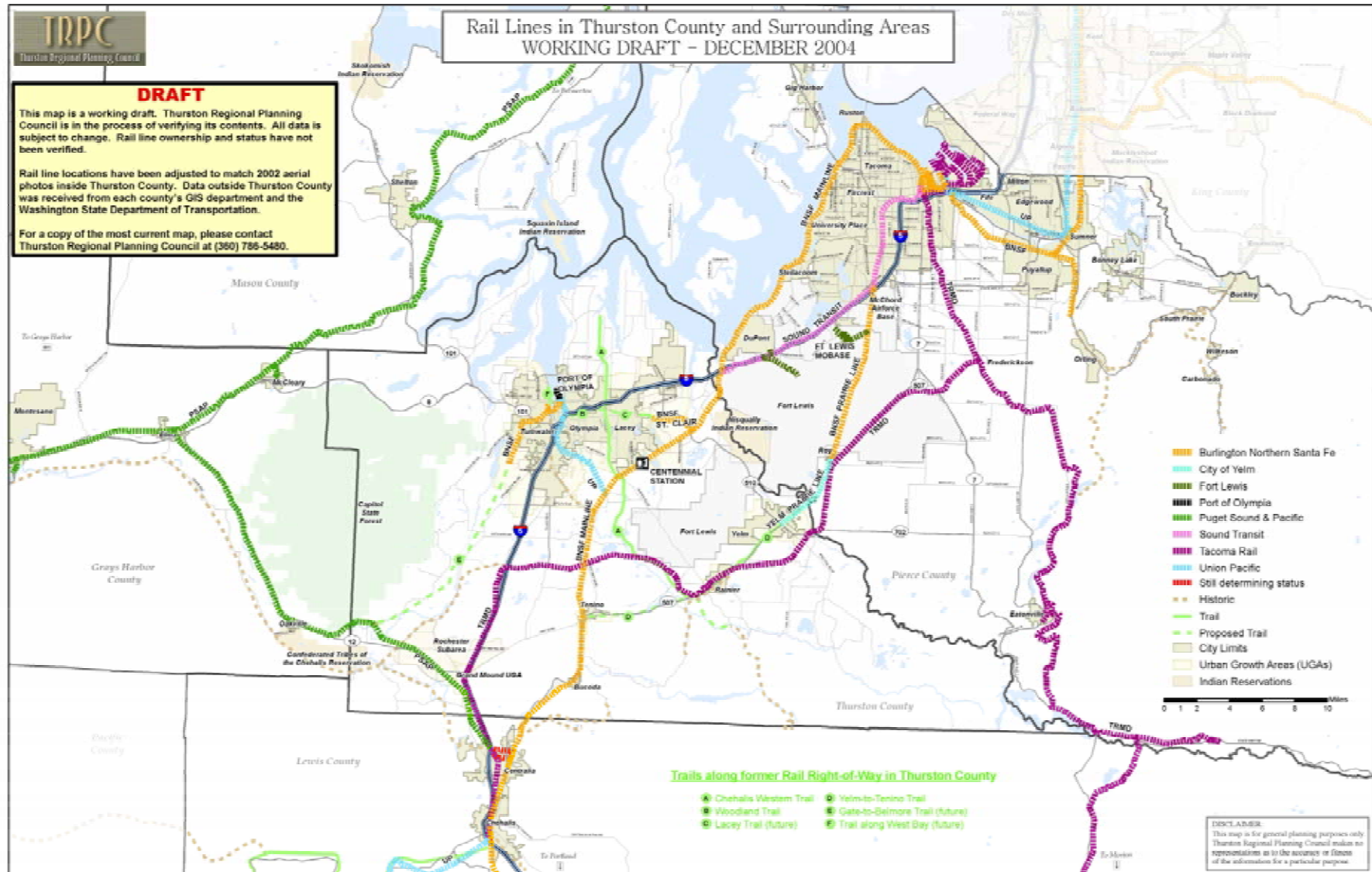
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Notes: _____

* Temporary Signing, Incident Response, WSDOT

Regional Rail Strategy



Regional and State rail planning intersects:

- WSDOT needs and funds RTPOs to participate in state planning process.
- Involve stakeholders in defining problems and analyzing solutions – local decisions are critical to state success!
- Infrastructure & pricing impacts regional economies and needs to be considered.

Rail planning intersects, continued:

- Complete systems analysis is essential. The mainline is only part of the story, part of the opportunity.
- Local impacts matter to the state's interests.
- National security issues are real.
- State could take lead in multi-state, multi-modal corridor analysis between Pacific NW and Mid-West.

The important factors in both examples:

- Use a systems approach – consider the whole system and all the stakeholders
- Incorporate land use – it's key!
- See problems and alternatives through the eyes of partners

We share a common challenge:

**Provide a transportation system
that meets Washington's needs.**

How we work together – State and RTPOs and
locals and *all* of our partners – will determine
how well we meet that challenge as much as
any WTP policy or investment decision.

RTPOs can help in essential ways.